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**STUDENT CHARGED IN THEFT OF FIREARMS
FROM LOCAL PAWN SHOP**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah returned an indictment on April 12, 2006 against Brandon Robinson charging him with stealing 50 firearms on March 9, 2006 from Big Tom's Pawn Shop located at 5511 Montgomery Street, Savannah, Georgia. Robinson's initial appearance and arraignment in the case is scheduled for May 2, 2006 in the United States District Court in Savannah. At the time of the alleged theft, the defendant was a student at Savannah State University.

The indictment is the result of a joint investigation by the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Considerable assistance in the investigation was also provided by the Chatham County District Attorney's Office.

Ms. Wood stressed that the indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial, in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Karl Knoche.

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